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APPROACHED AKALOVSKY AT SOV RECEPTION
TONIGHT AND, READING FROM PREPARED TEXT, GAVE FOLLOWING
INFO REGARDING VERIFICATION OF MISSILE SHIPMENT.

1. SOVGOV BELIEVES AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH US
THAT US VESSELS WILL APPROACH CLOSELY SOVIET SHIPS AND
MAKE VISUAL OBSERVATION.

2. ALL SOV SHIPS WILL FOLLOW SAME COURSE, I.E., VIA
STRAITS OF FLORIDA.

3. NINE SOVIET SHIPS, NAMES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED
TO US, ARE CARRYING ALL 42 MISSILES. MISSILES ARE ON DECK
AND COVERED WITH CANVAS.

4. MASTERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED INFORM US SIDE REGARDING
NUMBER OF MISSILES ON BOARD THEIR RESPECTIVE VESSELS. USSR
BELIEVES THIS PROCEDURE FULLY ADEQUATE TO ASCERTAIN THAT
ALL 42 MISSILES ARE BEING SHIPPED OUT.

5. IF US INSISTS ON USING HELICOPTERS IN CASE OF BAD
WEATHER, THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION SO THAT US COULD BE
ASSURED THAT USSR IS HONESTLY CARRYING OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS.

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6. IF NEEDED, CANVAS CAN BE PARTLY REMOVED.

7. REGARDING GILPATRIC'S REQUEST FOR CALL SIGNS SOV SHIPS, THERE NO NEED FOR SUCH INFO AND QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT US KNOWS NAMES OF SHIPS, THEIR SCHEDULE, AND COURSE.

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] ABOVE INFO BE PASSED TO APPROPRIATE
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